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F.T.C. To House Two Conferences



HERBERT DOWNS

LYONS TO SPEAK AT MEN'S BANQUET

Mr. Louis M. Lyons, feature writer for the *Boston Globe*, has been secured by the committee as head speaker for the men's banquet Wednesday evening.

Mr. Lyons is considered to be one of the few outstanding journalists in Boston today. After a short time with the *Springfield Republican*, Mr. Lyons joined the staff of the *Globe* in 1919, where he has advanced to his present respected position. He was the reporter sent by the *Globe* on such important stories as the Vermont flood, Lindberg's return to America, the Hauptmann trial, and the inaugurations of three presidents.

Recently, Mr. Lyons was one

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The conferences of two associations which unite the Teachers' Colleges of Massachusetts—The Women's Athletic Association of the Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges and the Association of the Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges Publications—are both to be held here at Fitchburg next month. The W. A. A. will sponsor the athletic conference and The Stick will sponsor the publications conference.

W. A. A. CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 8-11

Co-educational activity will be the topic of discussion at the annual Women's Athletic Conference which is to be held this year here at Fitchburg on November 9 to 11. It has been five years since the Womens Athletic Association of the Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges has met at Fitchburg, and the W. A. A., under the guidance of Miss Bolger, head of women's athletics; and Ruth Hughes, president of the A. A. looks forward to an interesting and successful conference. Eileen Connelly was elected to serve as executive secretary for the conference.

The conferences are held every year in a different college and delegates are sent from the colleges to take part in them. The theme of the conference is chosen by the college acting as hostess to the meeting. Fitchburg has, for several years, been interested in co-educational recreation and to perpetuate this interest, Fitchburg chose that topic for this years discussion.

Plans for the conference are getting under way, and the dates November 9 to 11 are eagerly anticipated by the whole student body.

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HERBERT DOWNS HEADS M. S. T. C. P. A.

Herbert Downs is to serve as president of the Association of Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges Publications and Emily Yauga, as secretary-treasurer of the association at the conference which will be sponsored by The Stick on Thursday, November 16. Mr. Downs and Miss Yauga were nominated by The Stick last June and were elected by the editors of the Teachers Colleges publications during the summer.

Mr. Downs, in his association with The Stick, has served as news editor; associate editor; and last year, as editor of the paper. He was a delegate to the Columbia Scholastic Press Conference at Columbia University in 1938 and 1939. He is now editor of The Saxifrage, college yearbook.

Miss Yauga is present editor of The Stick. Her position on the paper is significant in that she is the first woman to head the staff. Last year she served as secretary and as news editor and was a Stick representative to the conference at Columbia University.

The M. S. T. C. P. A. was organized four years ago, this coming May, and has as members Campus Comment of Bridgewater; The Log of Salem; and The Gate Post of Framingham.

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Editorial—

It often happens that a class receives an assignment, the material for which is in our library, and that there is an insufficient number of books to serve the entire class. In such a case, it is only ethical and right that each member of the class should use the book in the library or charge it out overnight, in accordance with the library regulations. In this way, each member is given ample opportunity to use the book and there is no great hardship to anyone.

But this is not what usually happens. More often than not, there are a few students who take some of the books without charging them and keep them indefinitely. The sad part of this situation is that those who thus disobey the rules of the library—and of common decency—are those who are best prepared for the tests or reports. It is a situation that must be remedied.

The library committee and staff are perfectly within their rights in saying that providing for such conditions is beyond their duty—that it is a matter the blame for which lay squarely with the students. Yet, on the other hand, these bodies supposedly exist for the better administration of the library facilities. Surely they could devise some plan for the alleviation of this difficulty.

As for suggestions as to what type of plan may be concocted, we have a few that may or

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The Ash Tray

Dear Editor:

No more green bows
No more "Sirs"
No more upperclass
Bothersome curs.

Ah the release and relief to be free again—to amble leisurely down the center walk without quaking for fear you'll be seen—to enter a door without peeking through first to see if any of "them" are inside. Ain't it just grand?

CRIME WAVE SWEEPS T. C. CORRIDORS
(Now Ralph Gray won't have to get up so early.)

The mysterious disappearance of the Sophomore Banner just before the Freshman reception caused considerable comment throughout the college. "Discussions" have revealed several who are in the know. Perhaps our Psychology prof. can give us a few hints from the realm of Criminal Psych. It was rather a dirty trick, though.

Remember Joe Cutler? He was back for the reception—all the way from Haverhill. We wonder if his return has anything to do with the fact that a cute little Sophomore has been spending most of her time in the library??? "Though it be ten times the square root of 100 years—I'll wait for thee." (Math major's statement of faithfulness.)

Ray Farquhar seemed to be getting along quite well with a smooth little Frosh at the reception. Part of your astronomy project, Ray? Is she a nebula or is she a nebula?

One of the Frosh, on entering the lobby and seeing the name cards being filled out by his classmates was heard to remark, "What, Labels again?"

Did you like the entertainment? I did. Viola's accordion numbers were swell and the group singing gave some of the glee club candidates for next year's group (Irony—there are a lot of good voices among the frosh that didn't appear) a chance to exercise their pharyngeal organs (75c word.) The double quartette surprised us with a negro spiritual. A Freshman remarked that it was good because it had a Frosh bass in it. Another said, "Why they're all Freshmen but two," indicating Gray and Milo. Can you beat it? We

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FRESHMEN ENTERTAIN UPPER CLASSMEN

The Class of 1943 gave to the upperclassmen on Tuesday, Oct. 5, an assembly in the auditorium as a climax to their initiation. Much applause (both kinds) came from a large and appreciative audience composed of faculty, students, (quote) "Ladies and Gentlemen, and Stan English." (end of quote)

The production was opened with a stirring speech by Wally Cuninghame. The first act was the Freshmen singing 'Once in a While' with some original words which was followed by 'Moonlight Serenade' a piano solo by Dolly Blake. Next came an accordion and guitar duet by Eino Hakala and John Hoyer. A comedy act by Bill Cove followed this act.

The Blue Danube Ballet, a riotous interpretation of the modern dance by "Zip" Romano was the hit of the show. It was followed by a harmonica, guitar, and singing act by Phil Shebel. A pantomime with "Misto" as the leading character was received with a form of enthusiasm.

The whole group united and performed a farce entitled "The King With the Terrible Temper."

With the singing of the W. A. A. song, the cheering of teams, and the playing of games the Freshmen were duly initiated into the friendly spirit so characteristic of the W. A. A. at the rally held Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the brook on Rindge road.

At this time Beverly O'Donnell was elected head of Modern Dance and she will now act as a regular member of the board.

Barbara Baldwin headed the committee consisting of the following chairmen: Lil Szocik, games; Helen Devecis, advertising; and Dot Hackett, refreshments.

Freshmen elected to the White Team are: Faith Atkinson, Thelma Anderson, Edith Beauchamp, Jane Beers, Cynthia Blaisdell, Yolanda Bramante, Hazel Brownhill, Helen Chadwick, Edna Charrier, Eleanor Dort, Ruth Hoyer, Dorothy Harris, Eila Honkonen, Grace Johnson, Marjorie Killelea, Marion McTighe, Hilda Smith, Tina Sironaitis, Marjorie Thurlow, Mary Towle, Louella Topping, and Frances Valley.

New members of the Orange Team are: Dolly Blake, Estelle

Carson, Fern Hardy, Phyllis Hancock, Ruth Johnson, Jane Lane, Elaine Emerson, Theresa McManus, Katherine Keefe, Rita O'Malley, Hannah Porter, Ruth Roberts, Jean Simmerman, Anne Swirya, Marion Smith, Marjorie Ward, Beatrice Whitten, Beverly Wilson and Mildred Thomas.

Members of the four classes have been enthusiastically practicing hockey at the Edgerly field on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays of the past two weeks under the direction of Eleanor Thurlow, head of hockey.

Keene Teachers College has extended their annual invitation to the girls of F. T. C. to participate in their Sports Day. It is hoped that at least 25 girls will be able to go and enjoy the fun that is always guaranteed.

Co-educational recreation will again be carried on each noon this year. The first activity is to be mixed tennis. Watch the bulletin board for details.

W. A. A. Notes

Editorial—

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may not be practicable. Perhaps the instructor who has assigned such material should be allowed to take all copies of the book, except one, to his room, there to be distributed among his class for certain specified intervals. This might, however, be objectionable as a violation of the principle that the books in the library are for the use of the entire student body. Or, monitors might be assigned at each entrance to the library, to check the books carried by each student upon leaving—here may be a financial objection. (We feel that most students will readily submit to any inconvenience such a system may cause, in view of the advantages to be gained.)

There are many other systems that might be worked out to handle this matter, and we would like to see some action by the library staff, or committee—or both—in regard to it. Students, too, might attempt to think out a solution to this problem.

Ash Tray—

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wish that Curley would reveal his formula for that high speed yodeling. If initiation had still been on, we might have set somebody to the task of counting the notes he hit.

The whole thing went over with a bang. The orchestra, the entertainment, the tonsil oil, everything. Laurels to the performers—laurels to the Frosh—in fact, laurels to everybody. The Sophomores have a mark to shoot at. Wait and see, they may surprise us.

Where are the class ties that should have been worn by all upperclassmen? Where is the Faculty daughter who appeared so often at the dances last year? Where is Dot C.'s Henry? Where—oh where—is the Soph banner? The shadow knows—ha—ha—ha—but who knows the shadow? I do—cause he's my daddy!!!!

Love and kisses,
The Scarab



BEVERLY O'DONNELL
Plays "Alda"

COMMUTING WOMEN HOLD SOCIAL

A tea was given in the girls' lunch room last Monday by the Commuting Women's Association to the commuting freshmen girls. Dean Bradt received, assisted by the President of the Association, Mary Gagnon, and other members of the board.

This is the first occasion that the upperclassmen have had to get acquainted with the freshmen at a social function.

GLEE CLUB ADDS MEMBERS

The glee club tryouts revealed a number of excellent voices among the Freshmen and among those upperclassmen who had not previously joined the group.

The new members, some of whom have outstanding voices, include the following: Sopranos: E. Mucha, M. Gibbons, M. Kill-elea, O. Heikenan, F. Hazel, M. Lewis, H. Smith, D. Harris, G. Johnson; Altos: F. Merritt, N. Fickett, P. Hancock, F. Hardy, T. Anderson, A. Lally; Tenors: R. Farquhar, J. Gemma, W. Norris, N. Wood; Bass: J. Mulski, A. MacAuslan, J. Hoye. The Accompanist will be Yolanda Bram-rante, of Freshman I. These additions swell the number of Glee Club members to 53.

CAST ANNOUNCED FOR DRAMATIC CLUB PLAY

"Death Takes A Holiday," the Dramatic Club production, will be given in the college auditorium on a Thursday, early in November.

Sirkka Waris will play the part of Grazia, a sensitive sweet-natured girl who seems almost ethereal. Warren Weibust will take the part of Death, who visits the earth in mortal guise and plans to experience in three days all of man's emotions to discover why humans fear his coming.

Beverly O'Donnell is Alda, a worldly-wise woman in search of adventure and excitement. Mary Ward plays the part of Rhoda Fenton, a healthy English girl who adores living.

Thomas Sweeney portrays the Duke who reluctantly entertains Death in his household. Helen Gibson plays the Duchess, unknowingly the gracious hostess to Death.

Herbert Downs has the role of the Baron, an aged dandy, a perennial romanticist. Frank Onischuck is the Major, a soldierly fellow who interprets events from a soldier's viewpoint.

Corado, the youth who loves Grazia, is played by John Murphy. Ursula Mulcahy portrays the Princess, Grazia's mother, who has "tried to bring her up sensibly" and who now feels her daughter slipping away from the material world.

Eric Fenton, a normal young Englishman is portrayed by John Mulski and Dorothy Hackett and Richard Allen are maid and butler, respectively.

The scene is a house party and the festivities are much dampened by the visit of Death. The climax is beautiful and moving.



JOHN MURPHY
Plays "Corado"

SENIOR PORTRAITS THURSDAY, FRIDAY

Senior portraits will be taken next Thursday and Friday, Phyllis Batterson, photographic editor, announced at the meeting last week of the 1940 Saxifrage staff. Purdy, already chosen as class photographer, will take pictures from 8:30 in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon. The schedules are posted on the bulletin board.

Miss Batterson requested that underclassmen with interesting snapshots offer them for publication.

Roger Holt was elected manager of the Saxifrage directory which is to be published before the Christmas vacation and Lawrence Colson was elected advertising manager to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Raymond Lowe.

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Tom and Eileen still are. That's all!

Kenneth Lowe was "ducky." Wasn't he, girls?

Bert and Al have been friends for a long time. They say, in fact, that they were in the same incubator!

Everyday the Frosh are worse and today they act as if it were tomorrow!

TO LIL

(Tune—I've Got A Pocket Full of Dreams)

I'm no millionaire

But I'm not the type to care

I've got a pocket full of—

It's my universe

Even with an empty purse

I've got a pocket full of—

Once I made a resolution

Not so very long ago

Then I kept that resolution

And did I make a Show!

Oh, I'm happy as can be

It makes me feel so free

I've got a pocket full of—

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT WELL KNOWN PEOPLE:

Our own Vi Bruso won an amateur contest at Hampton Beach last summer. I'll bet it wasn't a school teacher act.

The well known 'goat scene' from the Passing of a Decade or better known as Class Day 1939, is to be reenacted for the benefit of the Class of '40 Sax. (Don't tell them we told you)

Mr. Foth: Define a "moron."

Paule: A moron is what you put when you're cold.

Kelliher: No, A moron is what you put when you haven't enough!

Child Harold at Fitchburg

The initiation now has found its end;

The Frosh have put away their bows and ties;

But, as they come around the Campus bend,

Methinks I hear a few depressing sighs—

For, as they rise and stress equality,

They're sure to lose their popularity.

The last few days were trying, we'll admit—

They had to take our slander, gaff and sass;

But, now each lass and lad is duly fit

To carry on the honor of his class.

They seem to think that they are all grown up.

(I wonder how it is to be a pup.)

Ah! Memories such as these we'll ne'er forget,

Nor will the Frosh forget these memories soon;

Some pictured life, the worst that could be met,

Yet some were taken 'neath a silver moon.

So once again we'll sift our present dirt—

We hope that no one mentioned here is hurt.

One afternoon, about the time of day

When Mr. Randall's class is chasing bugs,

And "Father" Hill is planning what to say

Before the meeting of his Council mugs,

Curly walked the streets with Beatrice Whitten.

(All I know is Beatrice wasn't knittin'.)

Now Hilda Smith, a charming little dame—

Or is that word too crude an explanation?—

Never takes her dates with one the same

But mixes up the country, race, and nation,

A custom coming out of ancient Barrie;

Although it's based on Pitman's "cash and carry."

Of all the Frosh in Palmer's crowded hall

Our Ducky Donald Davis blooms most brightly,

For he is now behind the crucial ball—

He'd better watch his step and travel lightly;

I wonder how the lad is making out—

I wouldn't even try with such a snout.

We can't forget our sophomore, Bill Kon,

We'll call him "Kon" for short if you don't mind,

His stomach shows that he is putting on

Some surplus weight of a pudgy-poly kind;

But here's a story much more strange than that—

The Freshmen say his head is getting fat.

Did you ever hear a thrush at eventide?

Or do they sing at that ungodly hour?

Well, anyway, my friends were horrified

When I insisted Dottie's voice was sour—

Most people envy Freshman Tommy Macklin,

I don't: back home my hens are always cacklin'.

Kirb and Joe are majoring in Math,

Olga L. is back at F. T. C.

And Claire is reading Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*;

But now my friend, you'll have to pardon me.

So here's a toast to all I've slander'd here—

God bless you all and have a prosperous year.

Nick still insists that cows wouldn't eat the grass on the Russian steppes because they are too fussy.

The yodeling cowboy has the Frosh swooning at his feet. Well, one freshman anyway!

F. T. C. DEFEATS ARNOLD, 5-2

After trailing by a 2-0 score at the end of the first period, the F. T. C. soccer team rallied to tie it up at the half, and then went on to trounce Arnold College of Connecticut by a 5-2 count at Pearl Street Fairgrounds.

The entire team played well, with Kusciusko starring on the offense, scoring twice. Konsavage, Smith, and Tasca also scored. The Lineup—

F. T. C.	Goal	ARNOLD
Gray	Goal	Sumner
Berry	L. F.	Whitmore
Gittzus	R. F.	Witthe
Donovan	L. H.	Harrison
English	C. H.	Carter
Shinner	R. H.	Mina
Konsavage	O. L.	Hanrahan
Kosciusko	I. L.	Greadette
Smith	C. F.	Remy
O'Connell	I. R.	Brown
Tasca	O. R.	Fuller

LYONS SPEAKS AT MEN'S BANQUET

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of the nine reporters in the country to receive a Nieman fellowship at Harvard. This fellowship is a signal honor given to reporters who are deemed worthy to be given an opportunity for further academic study to aid them in elevating the standards of journalism.

Mr. Lyons has chosen as his subject "Press and Propaganda", a topic as timely as it is interesting. Mr. Lyons, from his experience, is well fitted to his subject.

Mr. Anthony, of the Practical Arts Department will lead the singing at the banquet, and there will be a short entertainment given by students.

Starting tonight, and until further notice, the Monday Night Dances will be held in the Junior High Gym. Tonight is the night for voting to select a theme song.

FRESHMAN RECEPTION A BIG SUCCESS

The annual reception for Freshmen was held at the college library Friday, October 6th at eight o'clock. This affair is given in order to introduce the newcomers to the social life of the college.

Under the direction of council committees the hall was decorated with the class banners and pennants. The initiation bows formed the class numerals.

The reception was influential in bringing the upperclassmen closer to the Freshmen and in giving them their first opportunity in being a part of the college.

DOWN'S HEADS PUBLICATIONS

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Hyannis started a publication late last year, The Fog Horn, and has been extended an invitation to join the association.

The meeting here will bring the association to Fitchburg for the third time: the organization meeting was held in May of 1936 when Everett McCue was editor of The Stick; in the fall of 1937, The Stick, under the head of Andrew Owens, sponsored another conference; and now, the college paper is making arrangements for this coming conference.

A definite plan for the conference day has not been made but it is expected that it will open with a meeting shortly after the

PRIME MINISTER GUEST OF GAVELEERS

Mr. Oskari Tokoi of Fitchburg, former Prime Minister of Finland, and editor of Raivaaja, Finnish newspaper in Fitchburg, will speak on the European crisis tonight at the Gaveleer Open Night which will be held in Mr. Donoghue's room at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Tokoi will give a clear picture of the situation which is to be found around the Baltic Sea at the present time. What may be the final outcome of present negotiations between Russia and Finland; Finland's relationship with Germany;—these are expected to be two of the important topics of his discussion.

The entire student body and faculty is invited to attend the Open Night.

noon hour. A panel discussion will be held; and a speaker, whom the entire student body is invited to hear, will address the association in the assembly hall. Dinner at the Whalom Women's Club will bring to a close the convention.

Chairmen of the committees working on plans have been chosen. Rowe Nevin, associate editor of The Stick, has charge of the organization of the conference; Helen Gibson, a feature and news reporter, is head of the housing committee; Sirkka Waris, news editor, is in charge of the banquet; Roger Holt, special reporter to The Stick, is chairman of the printing committee; and Theodore Laubner, business manager of the paper, has charge of transportation facilities.

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